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SUMMARY. NATO PAYMENTS AND PROGRESS COMMITTEE FUND
APPROVALS ON 28 JUNE AND 6 JULY RESULTED IN US OBLIGATIONS
OF SOME \$18 MILLION LEAVING ONLY \$3 MILLION FOR THE REMAI-
NDER OF FY 1978. WE ARE CAREFULLY LIMITING APPROVALS AT
MEETING OF 19 JULY (THE LAST BEFORE THE VACATION PERIOD)
TO AVOID OVEROBLIGATION. ACTION REQUESTED: OSD COORDIN-
ATION WITH DA IN EFFORT TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN
TIME TO COVER MEETING OF 24 AUG 78 AND THREE MEETINGS IN
SEPTEMBER (ESTIMATED AT \$8 MILLION). END SUMMARY.

1. REF A INDICATES THAT ON 1 JULY 78 THERE REMAINED
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ONLY \$13.217 MILLION OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCE IN FY78 MILCON
ALLOTMENT FOR US CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATO INFRASTRUCTURE.
THIS CONCLUSION TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE ADDITIONAL \$8
MILLION ALLOTMENT IN JUNE 78 AND DEOBLIGATION OF THE
\$8.332 MILLION CURRENCY DEVALUATION ACTION OF JANUARY 78.

2. REF B INFORMS USAREUR THAT P&P COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ON 6 AND 13 JULY HAVE RESULTED IN SOME \$10.2 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL US OBLIGATIONS LEAVING ONLY \$3 MILLION FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY78. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THAT AMOUNT WILL SUFFICE FOR THE 19 JULY MEETING, BUT WILL LEAVE US VIRTUALLY NOTHING FOR THE REMAINING FOUR MEETINGS STARTING ON 24 AUG 78.

3. REF B STATES THAT FROM ADVICE PASSED FROM THE COMPTROLLER OF THE ARMY (COA) THROUGH COMPTROLLER, USAREUR, IT APPEARS THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CURRENCY REVALUATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY DA TO EXECUTE FY 78 PROGRAMS. WE HAVE EXAMINED THE COA ADVICE WHICH, IN REFERRING TO O&MA FUNDS, STATED THAT OSD WAS PLANNING TO INVOKE REVISED STATUTE 37-32 TO COVER CURRENCY REVALUATION SUPPLEMENTAL AND, HENCE, PROGRAMS SHOULD BE EXECUTED ACCORDING TO PLAN.

4. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE TERMS OF THE STATUTE CITED BUT, IF INDEED IT FURNISHES A DEGREE OF AUTOMATICITY IN SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO COVER CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS IN OVERSEAS PROGRAMS, IT MAY PROVIDE AN EXPEDITIOUS METHOD BY WHICH OUR FUND SHORTAGE COULD BE RESOLVED. FAILING SUCH A SOLUTION WE ARE DEPENDENT ON FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR FY78 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OR DA ADJUSTMENT FROM OTHER MILCON PROJECTS.

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5. REQUEST OSD COORDINATION WITH DA IN ATTEMPT TO AVERT REQUIREMENT FOR MISSION TO RESERVE ON ALL NATO INFRA-STRUCTURE FUND AUTHORIZATIONS FROM 24 AUGUST UNTIL 1 OCT 78. WE BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER ALLOTMENT OF \$8 MILLION WOULD SUFFICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY78. BENNETT

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